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SUMMARY

12. A REGIME OF EXTRAORDINARY BRUTALITY HOLDS SWAY IN SERBIAN-DOMINATED VUKOVAR AND ELSEWHERE IN THE SECTOR EAST UNITED NATIONS PROTECTED AREA (UNPA) OF CROATIA.

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MURDERS, ASSAULTS, VIOLENT HARASSMENT, DESTRUCTION OF
CATHOLIC CHURCHES, AND ATTACKS ON MIXED MARRIAGES ARE
NOW COMMONPLACE. UNPROFOR REFS ARE WAGING AN UPHILL
STRUGGLE TO BRING TO TASK SERBIAN PERPETRATORS -- WHO
ARE INTEGRAL ELEMENTS OF THE SO-CALLED GOVERNMENT IN
THE AREA. THE ODDS ON UNPROFOR'S SUCCEEDING ARE NOT
GREAT, WHICH IS WHY THE SECTOR EAST SITUATION IS AMONG
THE MOST OFT-CITED POTENTIAL CAUSES OF A FEARED LARGE-
SCALE FLARE UP OF SERBO-CROATIAN FIGHTING NEXT SPRING.

13. THIS REPORT IS BASED ON OBSERVATIONS AND INTERVIEWS BY TWO EMBASSY OFFICERS DURING TRAVEL TO SECTOR EAST OCTOBER 1-4 IN SUPPORT OF A CSCE DELEGATION. SEPTEL REPORTS THEIR OBSERVATIONS ON CONDITIONS IN SECTORS WEST AND SOUTH. END SUMMARY.

SECTOR EAST - THE QUIET HELL OF VUKOVAR

14. ONLY A PERSONAL VISIT CAN PROVIDE A FULL APPRECIATION OF THE SCOPE OF WANTON DESTRUCTION THAT WAS VISITED ON THE ONCE PROSPEROUS CROATIAN CITY OF VUKOVAR BY SERBIAN FORCES IN THE FALL OF 1991. ON OCTOBER 4 EMOFFS WERE GIVEN AN ESCORTED TOUR OF VUKOVAR AND SEVERAL SURROUNDING TOWNS IN SECTOR EAST BY UNPROFOR OFFICIALS. THE REMAINS OF THE CITY LOOK LIKE BERLIN, CIRCA 1945. NEARLY EVERY RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, CULTURAL, AND RELIGIOUS STRUCTURE HAS BEEN GUTTED OR SEVERELY DAMAGED. GRAIN ELEVATORS, CRANES IN THE PORT ALONG THE RIVER, FACTORIES, AND

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HIGH RISE APARTMENT BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN RENDERED
VIRTUALLY USELESS AND UNINHABITABLE.

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19. THE SHAM COURT SYSTEM OF THE SO-CALLED KRAJINA
AUTHORITIES IN VUKOVAR APES WESTERN MODELS, WITH
COURTS OF THE FIRST INSTANCE, COURTS OF THE SECOND,
ETC. IN FACT, ACCORDING TO EXPERTS DIRECTLY FAMILIAR
WITH DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS, ALMOST ALL THE CASES IN
THE SERBIAN-CONTROLLED VUKOVAR REGION ARE BROUGHT
AGAINST CROATS AND OTHER MINORITIES. A JUDGE AND TWO
ASSISTANT JUDGES RUN THE PROCEEDINGS. NEITHER THE
PROSECUTOR NOR THE SUPPOSED DEFENSE ATTORNEY IS
ALLOWED TO PLAY A DIRECT ROLE. THE PRESIDING JUDGE

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ASKS ALL QUESTIONS. THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY MUST SUBMIT
ALL/ALL QUESTIONS IN WRITING TO THE JUDGE -- EVEN
THOSE HE WANTS TO ASK HIS OWN CLIENT. THE JUDGE MAY
OR MAY NOT ASK THE QUESTIONS SUBMITTED. IN ONE
TYPICAL CASE OBSERVED BY AN UNPROFOR CIVILIAN POLICE
OFFICER, A SIXTY-TWO YEAR OLD CROATIAN WOMAN WAS
ACCUSED OF HAVING A HANDGRENADE, GUN, AND SHOTGUN IN
HER HOME. IN A "QUICKY" TRIAL THE DEFENDANT WAS
FOUND GUILTY, SENTENCED TO TEN MONTHS IN JAIL, AND
FINED 6,000 DINARS. THE SO-CALLED DEFENSE LAWYER DID
ALMOST NOTHING.

MINEFIELDS AND UNPUNISHED MURDERS

110. UNPROFOP CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES TOLD EMOFFS THAT, IN ANOTHER CASE, THEY INFORMED KRAJINA "OFFICIALS" OF ACCUSATIONS AGAINST EIGHT INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD TRIED TO FORCE 23 NON-SERBS THEY WERE EXPELLING TO CROSS A KNOWN MINEFIELD AT THE UNPA FRONT LINE. THE UN POLICE PREVENTED THE ACT FROM OCCURRING AND COLLECTED NAMES OF 22 WITNESSES TO THE INCIDENT. NO ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN BY THE KRAJINA AUTHORITIES.

11. ACCORDING TO UNPROFOR, THE MANY MURDER VICTIMS IN THE AREA ARE "INVARIABLY NON-SERBS." THE SUSPECTS IMPLICATED (OR POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED) ARE OFTEN MEMBERS OF THE SO-CALLED "SPECIAL POLICE" (SEE BELOW).

12. IN UNPROFOR'S VIEW, ONE OF THE BIGGEST HURDLES
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14. ILICH TOLD THE CSCE DELEGATION THAT THE REGION HAS TAKEN IN A NUMBER OF SERBIAN REFUGEES FROM BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA AND ELSEWHERE. HE CLAIMED THAT "THOSE PEOPLE (SERBS) WHO HAVE LOST EVERYTHING ON THE OTHER SIDE ACT IN AN EMOTIONAL WAY." THESE PEOPLE OFTEN CAUSE "DIFFICULTIES," HE CLAIMED.

16. MEMBERS OF THE SO-CALLED "SPECIAL POLICE" ARE ALSO BELIEVED TO BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN CRIMES AGAINST THE CIVILIAN POPULATION. THESE FORCES ARE A SUBTERFUGE DESIGNED TO AVOID THE LIMITS IN THE VANCE PLAN AND WERE ORIGINALLY MEMBERS OF THE YUGOSLAV NATIONAL ARMY (JNA). WHEN RESTRICTIONS WERE PLACED

117. ACCORDING TO UN ESTIMATES, THE NUMBER OF SERBIAN POLICE JUMPED FROM 150 TO 800 DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD AT THE SETTING UP OF THE UNPA. A "SPECIAL POLICE" OF SOME 2,000 ALSO EXISTS AND OPERATES IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE UNPA. ON JULY 18, 1992, THE SO-CALLED "REPUBLIC OF KRAJINA" ASSERTED ITS CONTROL AND REFUSED TO PROVIDE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE NUMBERS OF "POLICE." NO FURTHER SURRENDER OF WEAPONS FROM PARAMILITARY GROUPS, AS CALLED FOR IN THE VANCE PLAN, HAS TAKEN PLACE SINCE THAT DATE.

118. THE RUSSIAN BATTALION IN CHARGE OF THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE UNPA HAS ITS HANDS FULL. BOTH "SPECIAL POLICE" AND "POLICE" ARE INVOLVED IN CRIMES IN THIS

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REGION BUT THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH RUSSIAN TROOPS TO
BLANKET THE AREA. WHEN UN OFFICIALS COMPLAINED ABOUT
THE OUTRAGEOUS CRIME WAVE, LOCAL SERBS ASKED THAT THE

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----- ARKAN AND OTHER PARAMILITARIES

19. THE NOTORIOUS SERBIAN TERRORIST ARKAN HAS BEEN SEEN AGAIN IN THE UNPA. HE WAS REPORTEDLY FETED AS A

GUEST SPEAKER AT A RECENT PARTY IN THE REGION. THE
COMPOUND AND TRAINING COMPLEX AT ERDUT NEXT TO UN
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HEADQUARTERS HAS A NEW HIGH RED BRICK WALL AROUND
PART OF THE PERIMETER. HIS MEN REPORTEDLY HAVE
BECOME MEMBERS OF THE "POLICE." THE SERBIAN "RED
BERETS," WHO HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF WAR CRIMES IN ILOK
AND SEVERAL OTHER VILLAGES, HAVE MOVED TO THE
SOUTHERN PART OF THE UNPA AND THEIR MEMBERS ARE NOW
SEEN IN SERBIAN "SPECIAL POLICE" UNIFORMS.

120. A SO-CALLED "BORDER POLICE" ALSO IS BEING RUN BY
THE SERBIAN SIDE. THESE INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN SEEN
MANNING CHECKPOINTS WITH REGULAR "POLICE," AND ARE
REPORTED TO BE INVOLVED IN SOME OF THE WORST VIOLENCE
AGAINST CIVILIANS. LOCAL "POLICE" HAVE TOLD THEIR
INTERNATIONAL COUNTERPARTS THAT THEY ARE AFRAID TO
PURSUE CASES AGAINST THE "BORDER POLICE" AND "SPECIAL
POLICE" LEST THEY THEMSELVES BE ATTACKED OR MURDERED.
IN A HEATED EXCHANGE WITH THE CSCE DELEGATION ON
OCTOBER 4, THE SERBIAN VUKOVAR AUTHORITIES REFUSED TO
PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ON NUMBERS OF THE "BORDER"
AND "SPECIAL POLICE," CLAIMING THAT ONLY THE KNIN
AUTHORITIES COULD RELEASE THAT DATA.

LEGAL HARASSMENT OF NON-SERBS

121. EMBOFFS ALSO HEARD REPORTS FROM CREDIBLE SOURCES
OF OTHER, MORE SUBTLE FORMS OF HARASSMENT OF NON-SERBS
IN THE VUKOVAR AREA. FOR EXAMPLE, UNDER THE GUISE OF
HELPING THE DISPLACED, A NUMBER OF HUNGARIAN AND
SLOVAK HOMEOWNERS HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO TAKE IN SERBIAN
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REFUGEES. THESE REFUGEES REPORTEDLY HARASS AND
INTIMIDATE THEIR "HOSTS" UNTIL THE LATTER FINALLY
MOVE OUT, THUS "ABANDONING" THE PROPERTY AND MAKING

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IT AVAILABLE FOR LEGAL TAKEOVER BY THE INTRUDERS.

122. RELIABLE SOURCES INDICATED THAT THE KRAJINA "GOVERNMENT" HAS "LEGISLATION" BY WHICH FAMILIES MAY BE EVICTED IF THEY HAVE RELATIVES WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE CROATIAN ARMED FORCES. IN A HEATED EXCHANGE WITH THE CSCE DELEGATION OCTOBER 4, THE VUKOVAR SERBIAN DELEGATION DENIED THAT ANY SUCH LEGISLATION EXISTED OR THAT SUCH THINGS OCCURRED. INSTEAD THEY CITED THE FORMATION OF THEIR OWN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO HANDLE SUCH COMPLAINTS.

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123. INTERESTED IN THE "NEWLY FORMED" VUKOVAR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, THE CSCE DELEGATION INQUIRED ABOUT THE GUIDELINES AND INTERNATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED CONVENTIONS WHICH THE COMMISSION PRESUMABLY USED TO GUIDE ITS WORK. AFTER AN EMBARRASSINGLY LONG SILENCE, THE CHAIRMAN, HEARING NO SUGGESTIONS FROM HIS NINE COLLEAGUES AT THE TABLE, MUMBLED, "WE USE THEM ALL." IN EMBOFFS' JUDGMENT, HE DIDN'T HAVE A CLUE.

124. ATTACKS HAVE ALSO BEGUN RECENTLY ON MARRIAGES IN WHICH ONE OF THE PARTIES IS NON-SERBIAN. THE HARASSMENT HAS INCLUDED MAKING A LIST OF SUCH UNIONS FOR "CENSUS" PURPOSES BUT WITH THE OBVIOUS OBJECTIVE OF INTIMIDATING THESE COUPLES.

THREE ALLEGED MASS GRAVES

125. AMONG THE MANY RUMORS CIRCULATING IN SECTOR EAST ABOUT MASS MURDERS AND MASS GRAVES, UN SOURCES CONSIDER THREE ALLEGED INSTANCES PARTICULARLY CREDIBLE. SOME 70 BODIES ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN BURIED IN ONE LOCATION IN THE GRAVEYARD AT LOVAS. THE SITE IS KEPT FREE OF WEEDS AND TENDED BY UNKNOWN VISITORS, WHICH SUGGESTS THAT NEIGHBORS ARE AWARE OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE LOCATION. THERE IS A NEWLY EXCAVATED AND REFILLED SITE IN FRONT OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AT TORDINCI WHERE SOME 208 ARE BELIEVED TO BE BURIED. THE THIRD LOCATION IS WITHIN

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A PARK IN THE VILLAGE OF ERNESTINOVO WHERE 30 BODIES ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN INTERRED.

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126. UNPROFOR OFFICIALS HAVE ASKED SERBIAN AUTHORITIES TO EXCAVATE THE SUSPECTED GRAVES, BUT THEY HAVE DONE NOTHING. IN RESPONSE TO DIRECT QUESTIONS FROM THE CSCE DELEGATION ABOUT THE HARASSMENT, MURDER, AND INTIMIDATION OF NON-SERBS IN VUKOVAR, "PRESIDENT" ILICH SAID "WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE ABOUT THESE THINGS."

COMMENT

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127. THE SERBIAN LEADERSHIP IN VUKOVAR, LIKE THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN KNIN, HAVE MADE FOR THEMSELVES A HOBBSIAN WORLD OF THE DARKEST DIMENSIONS. THE SAVAGERY THEY HAVE UNLEASHED AND NOW AID AND ABET HAS MADE LIFE A VIRTUAL HELL FOR ALL THE NON-SERBS WITHIN THEIR GRASP. YET IT IS THE SERBS WHO CLAIM THAT THEY ARE THE ONES THREATENED AND MISUNDERSTOOD. PREDICTABLY, MUCH OF THE DELEGATION'S TWO-HOUR MEETING IN VUKOVAR WAS TAKEN UP WITH A NOW-FAMILIAR RECITATION OF ALLEGED SERBIAN GRIEVANCES STRETCHING BACK TO BEFORE THE AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN EMPIRE.

128. IN SECTOR EAST, AT LEAST, THE ALREADY POOR ODDS OF UNPROFOR'S BEING ABLE TO IMPLEMENT THE VANCE PLAN -- WITH ITS CURRENT FORCE LEVELS AND MANDATE -- APPEAR TO BE STEADILY RECEDING.

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